

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8099  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

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ABIDJAN PASS REDSO; NIAMEY PASS RDO

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: EAID, PFOR, DM, US

SUBJ: BENIN GOVT FORMALLY REQUESTS USG TO BUILD COTONOU

SPORTS HALL

1. IN VIEW OF THE ABUSE THAT THE PRB HAS BEEN DISHING OUT TO  
THE USG RECENTLY, IT STRUCK THE EMBASSY AS HUMOROUS THAT ON  
JAN 28 IT SHOULD RECEIVE A NOTE FROM THE FORNMINSTRY FORMALLY  
REQUESTING THE US TO BUILD A SPORTS HALL IN COTONOU TO SEAT  
5,000 PERSONS. THE GPRB WISHES CONSTRUCTION TO BE COMPLETED  
BEFORE SEPT 76 IN TIME FOR THE FIFTH AFRICAN REGIONAL PING  
PONG CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD HERE THAT MONTH.

2. EMBASSY REPLIED BY NOTE TODAY SAYING THERE WERE NO FUNDS  
FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UNDER EXISTING US AID LEGISLA-  
TION.

3. GERMAN FED REPUBLIC'S EMBASSY REEIVED SIMILAR REQUEST,  
WHICH IT WILL TURN DOWN. FRENCH EMBASSY DID NOT GET AN  
INVITATION.

4. THE CHINESE HAVE NEVER COME THROUGH ON THEIR 1973 PROMISE  
TO BUILD A SPORTS STADIUM. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNT OF  
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THE CUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE THE DAY

AFTER THE NOTE WAS SENT TO US, THE FORNMIN BRIEFED HIS  
COLLEAGUES ON "THE STATUS OF CHINESE AID".  
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